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LANCASTER, S C., Tuesday October 18, 1898. 8:00 p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., from Ephesians 6:15: "Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

At the close of the sermon, the Synod was formally called to order, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The following members were present:

Present.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—D. Harrison, W. W. Ratchford, J. H. Thornwell, J. G. Hall, C. W. Humphreys, J. R. Millard, W. B. McIlwaine, S. H. Hay, D. S. McAllister, (2), D. N. McLauchlin, J. B. Swann, W. M. McPheeters (2), Alex. Sprunt, W. G. Neville, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. K. Hall, J. H. Wilson, James Russell, O. G. Jones, T. C. Ligon, R. D. Perry, Chalmers Moore, J. G. Herndon, (2), J. P. Marion, W. A. Hafner (2), W. W. Sadler.—26.

ELDERS.—R. L. Stover, Beaver Creek Church; R. M. Allison, Beersheba; R. H. Massie, Beulah; J. B. Johnston, Calvin; J. B. Dixon, Catholic; J. Q. Howe, Clover; G. W. Boyd, Concord; R. L. Hicklin, Douglass; R. G. Garrison, Ebenezer; C. B. McKeown, Fort Lawn; J. H. McMurray, Fort Mill; J. H. Therrell, Heath Springs; I. R. Hayes, Kershaw; J. C. Foster, Lancasterville; W. K. Thompson, Liberty Hill; T. J. Robbins, Mt. Pleasant; Thos. Caskey, Pleasant Grove; James Hamilton, Purity; J. S. Atkinson, Richburg; E. B. Mobley, Rock Hill; T. B. Craig, Tirzah; R. C. Crockett, Waxhaw, G. H. O'Leary, Yorkville; Robt. Conrad, Zion.—24.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—G. A. Blackburn, J. C. Oehler, J. W. Flinn (2), S. M. Smith (2), J. L. McLees, F. L. Leeper, H. G. Gilland, H. R. Murchison, H. M. Parker.—9.

ELDERS.—F. W. McMaster, 1st Church Columbia; C. W. Suber (2) 2nd Church Columbia; H. G. Walpole, James Island; F. Y. Legare, (2) John's Island and Wadmalaw; C. H. Leland, New Wappetaw; J. C. Scott, Westminister.—6.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—A. A. James, T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs (2), B. G. Clifford (3), B. F. Wilson, J. S. Watkins, H. W. Burwell (2), C. E. Robertson, J. F. Jacobs (2), J. H. Grey.—10.

ELDERS.—J. H. Miller, Liberty Springs; N. F. Walker (2), Spartanburg; J. E. Colton (2), Unionville; G. W. Taylor, Washington Street.—4.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY

Ministers.—Jas. McDowell, W. J. McKay (2), W. W. Mills, J. E. Dunlop, C. M. Richards, V. R. Gaston, Robt. Bradley (2), H. L. Patterson.—8.

ELDERS.--R. C. McCutchen, Bishopville; W.F. Davis, Hephzibah; I. W. Bradle, Mayesville; J. E. McCutchen, Mt. Zion; James Reaves (2), New Harmony; A. White (3), Sumter; H. L. Scarboro, Tirzah.—7.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—J. G. Richards, D. M. Fulton, J. W. McClure, E. C. Bailey (2), T. H. Newkirk (2), Melton Clark (2).--6.

ELDERS.—J. C. Coit, Cheraw; R. E. DuBose, Darlington; J. P. McNeill, Florence; John McSween [2], Timmonsville.—4.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.—W. T. Matthews [2], J. L. Wilson, G. G. Mayes (2), J. A. Wilson, James Woodrow [2], W. H. Workman [2], J. N. H. Summerell [2[, B. P. Reid, J. L. Williamson [2] J. F. McKinnon [2].---Io.

ELDERS.—T. P. Quarles [2], Abbeville; A. P. Lewis [2], Anderson; W. E. Pelham, Aveleigh; T. H. Russell. Carmel; R. G. McLees [2], Greenwood; D. A. Crowther [2], Little Mountain; J. W. Todd, Seneca; R. W. Crawford, (2), Upper Long Cane.---8.

The Rev. A. A. James was elected Moderator, and the Rev. H. R. Murchison, Assistant Clerk, both by acclamation.

An address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell, in behalf of the congregation of Lancaster Church, and was responded to by the Moderator.

Synpd then adjourned till 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY.

Morning Session.

Wednesday, October 19, 9:30 a.m. The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. E. Dunlop.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved. The following additional members were excused for tardiness and enrolled:

MINISTERS:—W. P. Jacobs, H. W. Burwell, J. N. H. Summerell, J. F. McKinnon, J. F. Jacobs, D. S. McAllister, J. L. Williamson, W. M. McPheeters, W. T. Matthews, Melton Clark, J. G. Herndon, T. H. Newkirk, J. H. Grey, W. A. Hafner and G. G. Mayes.

ELDERS:—J. E. Colton, Unionville Church, Enoree Presbytery; T. P. Quarles, Abbeville; R. W. Crawford, Upper Long Cane; A. P. Lewis, Anderson; R. G. McLees, Greenwood; and D. A. Crowther, Little Mountain, of South Carolina Presbytery.

Rev. P. F. Price, Synod of Virginia, one of our Missionaries to China, and Rev. W. C. Ewart of the A. R. P. Church were welcomed as corresponding members.

Mr. R. E. Wylie, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, was granted the privilege of the floor to make such statements as he may desire.

On the call for communications the Stated Clerk reported that he had duly forwarded the petition ordered by the last Synod, to the Post Master General of the United States concerning Sunday mails through Senator J. L.

McLaurin, and received proper acknowledgement of it, with the promise of attention to it. Also that two complaints had been carried up to the General Assembly against actions of the Synod, and he presented a communication from the Stated Clerk of the Assembly reporting its actions on these two complaints. One was of Rev. Dr. W. M. McPheeters and others against the action of Synod in petitioning the Post Master General concerning Sunday mails, which complaint was not sustained by the Assembly. This was received as information. The other complaint was from Rev. Dr. S. S. Laws, against the action of Synod upon his overture concerning the age limit rule in the Constitution of the Theological Seminary. The report of the Assembly's Stated Clerk on this matter was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

A communication from Rev. G. A. Blackburn concerning certain manuscripts left by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Girardeau, deceased, was read and referred to a select committee consisting of Rev. Drs. C. W. Humphreys, W P. Jacobs and J. L. Wilson.

An overture from South Carolina Presbytery, relating to the readjustment of Presbyterial boundaries, as also one from Enoree Presbytery, requesting the retransfer to it of Piedmont Church from South Carolina Presbytery, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

To the same committee was referred an overture from Rev. H. R. Murchison, concerning the establishment of a Bible School or Institute.

The Moderator announced the following

Standing Committees:

I. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES .-

Minister, J. H. Thornwell.

Elder, J. C. Foster.
BILLS and OVERTURES.—

Ministers, A. Sprunt, F. L. Leeper, G. G. Mayes. Elders, R. G. McLees, James Hamilton.

3. JUDICIAL BUSINESS .-

Ministers, J. S. Watkins, J. A. Wilson, W. W. Mills. Elders, G. W. Taylor, G. H. O'Leary.

4. Foreign Missions .-

Ministers, W. B. McIlwaine, G. A. Blackburn, B. F. Wilson. Elders, R. L. Garrison, H. L. Scarboro.

5. Home Missions .-

Ministers, J. N. H. Summerell, James McDowell, H. G. Gilland. Elders, W. E. Pelham, E. B. Mobley.

6. EDUCATION .-

Ministers, W. M. McPheeters, J. C. Oehler, D. M. Fulton. Elders, J. C. Scott, T. B. Craig.

7. Publication .-

Ministers, J. G. Hall, J. L. McLees, V. R. Gaston. Elders, I. W. Bradley, H. G. Walpole.

8. COLORED EVANGELIZATION.—

Ministers, B. P. Reid, J. K. Hall, Melton Clark. Elders, J. H. McMurray, C. H. Leland.

9. THE NARRATIVE .-

Ministers, H. W. Burwell, J. W. McClure, H. L. Patterson. Elders, J. E. McCutchen, J. H. Miller.

10. THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.-

Ministers, M. R. Kirkpatrick, C. M. Richards, J. Lowrie Wilson. Elders, J. P. McNeill, W. K. Thompson.

II. FINANCE.-

Elders, J. C. Coit, R. C. McCutchen, I. R. Hayes.

12. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY .--

Ministers, C. W. Humphreys, J. P. Marion, H. M. Parker. Elders, J. B. Dixon, T. P. Quarles.

13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.-

Ministers, O. G. Jones, C. E. Robertson, T. C. Ligon. Elders, W. F. Davis, A. P. Lewis.

14. PRESBYTERIAN RECORDS.-

- (1) Bethel-W. T. Matthews, D. A. Crowther.
- (2) Charleston-Chalmers Moore, J. E. Colton.
- (3) Enoree-W. W. Ratchford, C. B. McKeown.
- (4) Harmony-G. G. Mayes, T. H Russell.
- (5) Pee Dee-J. L. Williamson, J. H. Therrell.
- (6) South Carolina—J. G. Richards, Thomas Caskey.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported recommending that Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs be heard today at 11:30 concerning the Thornwell Orphanage, and a collection for it be raised. Adopted.

The same committee also recommended and Synod adop-

ted the following as the hours for its daily session: From 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m.; from 3:30 p. m. to adjournment at will.

The special order fixed by the last Synod for this hour, viz: the report on Standing Rules, was taken from the docket, and after hearing some remarks upon the subject, the matter was re-committed to be reported on at this meeting.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. and J. E. Carlisle, of the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were welcomed as visiting brethren.

The Narratives and Statistical reports of the Presbyteries were read: the former being referred to the committee on the Narrative, and the latter will be found in the Appendix.

An excuse for absence from this meeting, sent by the Rev. Dr. W. T. Hall, was referred to the committee on Leave of Absence.

A recommendation of the committee on Devotional Exercises that Dr. J. Lowrie Wilson be appointed to preach tonight, was docketed.

The Rev. Dr. W. P. Jacobs read the report of the Board of Visitors of the Thornwell Orphanage (see Appendix), and addressed Synod on the condition and work of the Orphanage. After prayer by Dr. Thornwell, and further remarks by him and others, a collection, amounting to \$101.38, was taken up.

Reports on Home Missions were received from the Presbytery of Bethel, Charleston, Enoree, Harmony and South Carolina. These reports went into the hands of the committee on Home Missions.

The standing order for a conference on the state of religion and the work of the Presbyteries, was suspended.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported in part, which was adopted as follows:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions would report in part, recommending:

1. That a Foreign Missions meeting be held to-night.

2. That Dr. J. L. Wilson preach, and that addresses be made by Rev. Messrs. P. F. Price and W. B. McIlwaine; and that a collection for the cause be taken up.

B. F. WILSON, For the Committee.

The Executive Committee of Synodical Evangelization presented its report (see Appendix), which was referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

It was made the special order for 11 a. m., to-morrow to consider this subject of Synodical Evangelization.

The morning's session was extended till 1:30 o'clock, and it was resolved that when Synod take recess, it be till 7:30 this evening so that the Presbyteries and Committees may have opportunity to meet.

On motion, Synod directed Pee Dee Presbytery to meet this afternoon to attend to necessary business.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Education for the Ministry was read and duly referred.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was placed in the hands of the Standing Committee, to be read at a later hour.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause was read, and received; and the recommendation adopted. (See Appendix.)

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read and duly referred. (Appendix.)

Synod took recees till 7:30 p. m.

Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

Upon the reassembling of Synod the following additional members appeared, were excused for tardiness and enrolled:

MINISTERS—Robert Bradley, E. C. Bailey, W. J. Mc-Kay, James Woodrow, J. W. Flinn, W. H. Workman and S. M. Smith.

ELDERS—R. H. Massie, Beulah Church, Bethel Presbytery; F. Y. Legare, John's Island and Wadmalaw, and C. W. Suber, 2d Columbia, Charleston Presbytery; James Reaves, New Harmony Church, Harmony Presbytery; John McSween,

Timmonsville Church, Pee Dee Presbytery; and N. F. Walker, Spartanburg Church, Enoree Presbytery.

The following brethren were introduced and welcomed as corresponding members: Rev. Dr. J. N. Craig and Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Synod of Memphis; Rev. Dr. J. K. Hazen and Rev. D. C. Lilly, Synod of Alabama; Rev. Dr. S. H. Chester, Synod of Nashville, and Rev. H. W. Hoon, Synod of North Carolina.

The Synod then held the conference on Foreign Missions as appointed this morning. Rev. Dr. J. L. Wilson preached from Mark xvi: 15, 20. At the conclusion of the sermon the report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions was read. Addresses were then made by Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, one of our missionaries in Japan, and Rev. P. F. Price, one of our missionaries in China. A collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to \$60.

It was, on recommendation of the committee of Publication, made the order for 10:30 a.m. to-morrow to hear the Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication, a half hour on that subject. It was made the order for 4 o'clock to hear Rev. Dr. Craig, Secretary of Home Missions, on that subject. It was made the special order to hear Dr. H. L. Smith, of Davidson College, concerning that institution, from 12:30 to 1 p. m., and to hear Rev. D. C. Lilly, Secretary of Colored Evangelization, from 1 to 1:30 p. m.

Synod then adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. J. L. McLees.

THIRD DAY.

Morning Session.

Thursday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. B. F. Wilson.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Elder A. White, of Sumter Church, Harmony Presbytery, was excused for tardiness and enrolled.

The report of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian College at Clinton was read. It was received as information, and ordered to be printed in the appendix.

Rev. T. H. Law presented his report as Treasurer, which was placed in the hands of the Committee on Finance.

The committee presented and Synod adopted the Narrative (Appendix.)

It was made the order for 4:30 this afternoon to hear and consider the report of the committee on the Theological Seminary.

The Records of Charleston, Harmony and Enoree Presbyteries were approved by recommendation of the committees.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported:

1. On the Overture from S. C. Presbytery concerning the readjustment of the boundaries of the Presbyteries, as follows:

The committee of Bills and Overtures recommend that the overture from South Carolina Presbytery be answered by the appointment of, an "ad interim" committee consisting of one minister and one elder from each Presbytery, who shall consider the question thoroughly and if deemed expedient by them, to suggest the lines of division between the Presbyteries; and that this committee report at the next meeting of Synod. We further suggest that the Presbyteries name the members of this committee which are to represent them respectively.

The report was adopted:

2. On the Overture concerning the establishment of a Bible Institute, recommending that the request be granted and steps taken to carry it out.

The consideration of this part of the report was suspended, and this, with the report on the overture from Enoree Presbytery regarding Piedmont Church, was docketed.

Rev. J. N. H. Summerell was excused as Chairman of the committee on Home Missions, and Dr. S. M. Smith was appointed in his stead. Rev. Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication, was heard for a half hour, and the matter of his address was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

It was made the order for 8 this evening to hear Rev. Dr. Chester, Secretary of Foreign Missions, for a half hour.

The hour for hearing Dr. H. L. Smith, concerning Davidson College, was changed to 12 o'clock, and it was resolved to hear Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Secretary of Education for the Ministry, immediately afterwards for a half hour.

It was made the order for 8:30 this evening to hold a conference on Home Missions.

The special order for 11 o'clock was taken up and the Synod entered upon the consideration of the report on Synodical Evangelization, but upon motion, this matter was postponed until this evening to be considered in connection with the conference on Home Missions.

The unfinished business—the report on the overture concerning a Bible Institute—was again taken up, and after further consideration, the matter was once more suspended to take up the order for 12 o'clock. Prof. H. L. Smith. Ph.D., was then heard for a half hour concerning Davidson College.

On motion, it was resolved that the Synod has heard with pleasure the address of Dr. Smith, and heartily commends Davidson College to the patronage of our people.

Rev. J. H. Boldridge, pastor of the Lancaster Baptist Church, and Rev. S. H. Booth, of the M. E. Church South, were introduced, and welcomed as visiting brethren.

The attention of Synod was called to the decease, since our last meeting, of Rev. W. G. Vardell and Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., LL.D. as reported by Charleston Presbytery, and on motion the Moderator appointed the following committees to prepare suitable memorials of these departed brethren, and report at the next year's session:

REV. W. G. VARDELL—Rev. C. S. Vedder, D. D., Rev. G. R. Brackett, D. D., and Elder O. E. Johnson.

REV. DR. J. L. GIRARDEAU—Rev. W. T. Thompson, D. D., Rev. F. L. Leeper and Elder J. A. Enslow.

Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Secretary of Education for the Ministry, was heard, and the matter of his address was referred to the Standing Committee on Education.

The committee on the Records of Pee Dee Presbytery presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

The committee to examine the Records of Pee Dee Presbytery report recommending their approval with the exception of the Minutes in reference to the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. M. McNaull and the Kentyre Church as recorded on pages 316 and 323.

The records here are so defective that the committee further recommend that Presbytery be instructed to amend their records according to the facts.

J. L. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.

The unfinished business was again suspended to take up the order of the day.

The Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, Chairman, presented the report of the Permanent Committee on Colored Evangelization, which was followed by an address from Rev. D. C. Lilly, Secretary of this cause. His address was referred to the committee on Colored Evangelization.

Rev. E. W. Williams and Rev. A. E. Reed, ministers of the Independent Colored Presbyterian Synod, were introduced and welcomed as corresponding members.

Synod receded from business until 3:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

3:30 p. m.

Rev. B. G. Clifford was excused for tardiness and enrolled, and Rev. J. M. W. Elder, Synod of Virginia, was welcomed as a corresponding member.

Rev. W. B. McIlwaine presented the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, which was adopted as follows:

The committee on Foreign Missions reports that, the report of the Permanent Committee shows the work of the past year to have been most encouraging. The contributions for this cause in our Synod having been \$1,247.22 over the previous year. The results have also been satisfactory, 523 members having been added to the Cource through the

labors of our Missionaries. While we render thanksgiving to God for these manifest tokens of his favor, we recognize that there is need for greater exertions in this work. The additions of territory resulting from the war with Spain, and the social revolutions that are taking place in the East, call for an increase in the mission force, and this calls for increased contributions. The committee, therefore, recommends:

1. That individuals, and particular churches, be encouraged to

undertake the support of individual missionaries.

2. That each minister in this Synod be requested to preach to his congregation on Foreign Missions at least twice a year.

3. That the Chairmen of Presbyterial Committees be urged to provide that churches without a pastor have the opportunity for giving to this cause.

4. That pastors press upon their people the duty of supporting and of reading The Missionary, published in Nashville, Tenn.

W. B. McILWAINE, Chairman.

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It was made the order for 7:30 this evening to select the time and place of next meeting.

The unfinished business was once more taken up and again suspended for the order of the hour, the hearing of Rev. Dr. Craig, the Secretary of Home Missions, on that subject. His address was referred to the committee on Home Missions.

The unfinished business came up again, and the recommendation of the committee with regard to the establishment of a Bible Institute, was rejected.

The report of the committee on Bills and Overtures with regard to the Overture (No. 3), from Enoree Presbytery was adopted, declining to grant the request that Piedmont Church be re-transferred to that Presbytery from South Carolina Presbytery.

The following were appointed the committee on the readjustment of the Presbyterial bounds, as nominated by the several Presbyteries:

Rev. A. Sprunt, D. D., and A. H. White, Bethel Presbytery,

- " G. A. Blackburn, and J. C. Scott, Charleston "
- "T. H. Law, D. D. and J. E. Colton, Enoree "
- " W. J. McKay, D. D. and A. White, Harmony
- " J. G. Richards, and John McSween, Pee Dee "
- " B. P. Reid, and J. W. Todd, South Carolina

On motion, Rev. B. G. Clifford, D. D. was added to this committee and made its Chairmam.

The committee on the Theological Seminary presented its report, which together with a minority report as to a certain part, was docketed.

Synod then took recess till 7:30 p.m.

Evening Session.

7:30 p. m.

Upon the reassembling of Synod, Rev. Dr. C. W. Humphreys, appointed to represent the Synod before the General Assembly in the complaints against the Synod's actions, made a report. On motion, the diligence of the representative was approved, and the Treasurer was authorized to refund him for the amount of his travelling expenses, \$33.00.

The Committee on the Records of Bethel Presbytery recommended their approval, Adopted,

The Rev. Dr. McPheeters read a protest of himself and others against the action of last Synod with regard to the petition concerning Sunday mails. This paper was docketed.

Aveleigh Church, Newberry, was selected as the place of next meeting, and 7:30 p. m. Tuesday before the last Sabbath of October, (24th inst.), as the time.

Rev. Dr. Chester, Secretary of Foreign Missions, was heard upon this subject, and his address was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions. On motion the Synod engaged in prayer for the salvation of the heathen.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented and adopted as follows:

There have been referred to your committee:

1. Presbyterial Reports from the Presbyteries of Charleston, Enoree, Pee Dee, South Carolina, and Bethel.

2. The Report of the Synodical Committee on Evangelization.

From the Presbyterial Reports we gather:

[1.] CHARLESTON: Still prosecutes its work successfully, with a growing tendency to group the churches hitherto under evangelistic supply

into pastoral groups and thus retire them from this department to that of sustentation.

Charleston entered the past year with a debt on the Evangelistic treasury of \$517.58, during the year the work has been prosecuted and this debt reduced \$215.39. The expectation of the Presbytery is that the current year will wipe up the debt entirely.

There have been three Evangelists in the employment of the Presbytery's Committee.

The entire field is in better shape just now, and gives promise of better results than it has done for a long time.

- [2.] ENOREE: During the past year employed two Evangelists. The work has been remarkably blessed; four new churches have been organized during the year and steps are now being taken for the erection of several new buildings.
- [3.] PEE DEE: Reports regular preaching in all its churches. One new church has been organized; a commission has been appointed to or ganize another, and one new building almost completed. Pee Dee reports the employment of one Evangelist.
- [4.] SOUTH CAROLINA: Has succeeded in freeing the work from debt, and prosecutes its work on a cash basis henceforth.

The Presbytery conducts work in two counties, and expects soon to begin in two others.

A commission is under appointment to organize a new church, and there are other points at which there is promise of new organization soon. This Presbytery does its Home Mission work through its pastors.

[5.] BETHEL: Employs one Evangelist, and eight fields are assisted from Home Mission fund. A day school is conducted among the Catawba Indians, also Sabbath schools among them. Preaching is furnished to the Indians. One new church has been organized.

On the whole your committee considers the reports from the Presbyteries encouraging. The work seems to be hampered by lack of funds in all the Presbyteries and at the same time the work seems to be in healthful condition, and all the Presbyteries deeply interested and zealous in its prosecution.

The reports of the Presbyteries to the Synod are still far from satisfactory, lacking uniformity and greatly wanting in fulness. From such fragmentary and incomplete reports, it is impossible for a Standing Committee to present to the Synod any satisfactory summary of the work done within its bounds.

It would greatly contribute to the interest and effectiveness of the Synod's discussion of this great cause if each Presbytery would send to the Synod a duplicate of its Home Mission report giving ALL the FACTS and FIGURES presented to the Presbytery, instead of a hasty and perfunctory abstract of what are esteemed the most important items contained in the Presbyterial report. From the full and formal report only, can

the Synod gain the information necessary to an intelligent presentation of this great interest.

The long and full, most interesting and satisfactory, report of the Committee on Synodical Evangelization was read in your hearing.

It presents a showing that calls for devout thankfulness and exhibits results which, considering the difficulties encompassing the work, ought to prove an inspiration. This committee has earned the hearty approval and commendation of the Syrod.

Instead of attempting any abstract of this report, your committee would recommend that the report in full be printed in the Appendix to the minutes.

Your committee rrcommends further that the same Committee of Synodical Evangelization be appointed for the ensuing year, and the work prosecuted upon the same plan, and that the sum (\$3000.00) designated as necessary by the Committee, be approved, and the apportionment among the co-operating Presbyteries suggested by the Committee be endorsed by the Synod. Moreover your Committee recommends that on the third Sabbath of December [or as soon thereafter as is convenient] a collection be taken in behalf of Synodical Evangelization in all the churches of the Presbyteries co-operating in the work.

Finally, in view of the inspiring success of Synodical Evangelization as conducted by your Committee, in view of its present importance and its future promise, your Committee recommends that in LIEU of the usual programme of speeches, endeavering to cover in one sitting all the phases of Home Mission work, the Synod devote the remainder of this sitting to the special consideration and emphasis of this one department. That thus the request of your Committee of Evangelization be granted, and the Committee be forthwith heard in the presentation of its great work, its success in the past, its plans and hopes for the future.

Respectfully submitted, .

SAMUEL M. SMITH, Chairman.

A general discussion of the work followed, and a collection for Synodical Evangelization was raised, amounting to \$51.02.

In view of the expected return to the Mexican Mission of Rev. J. G. Hall, Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., was made Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Standing Committee on Publication was presented and adopted as follows:

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following: 1st. That Synod has heard with pleasure the clear statement that Dr. Hazen, Secretary of Publication, has made concerning the work of that Committee.

2nd. That all the ministers of the Synod be urged to preach upon this subject and take up collections therefor.

3rd. In view of the great importance of giving our people a pure, orthodox literature and the further fact that our Committee offers to furnish literature as cheap or cheaper than it can be had elsewhere, that our ministers and people be urged to patronize our Committee in their purchase of books and Sabbath School literature.

4th. That the Presbyteries that have not a Committee of Publication be asked to appoint such Committee, and that the Chairmen of these Presbyterial Committees form a Synodical Committee of Publication; and that the Committee so formed through its Chairman correspond with Dr. Hazen concerning the employment of the Colporteur that he is ready to put to work in our Synod when so requested by such a Committee, and that when so employed this Committee take the direction of his work according to the plan that they may deem most practicable.

5th. That our Committee of Publication be requested to do what they can to promote the publication of sound theological literature of our Southern Presbyterian type.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

J. G. HALL, Chairman.

The Select Committee on the Manuscripts of the late Dr. Girardeau presented, and Synod adopted the following report:

The Rev. Geo. A. Blackburn, in behalf of the family of the late Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D. LL. D., offers to the four associate Synods controlling the Columbia Theological Seminary, the manuscripts of Dr. Girardeau for publication. The offer is accompanied with the following statements:

- 1. That the unpublished manuscripts of Dr. Girardeau will make about six or eight volumes.
- 2. That the works are largely supplimentary of the writings of Dr. Thornwell.
- 3. That the family of Dr. Girardeau require no proprietary right in nor royalty from, the books.
- 4. That the Synods assume no financial responsibility in the publication.
- 5. That each of the four Synods appoint one member as a committee of Ways and Means to co-operate with the Rev. Geo. A. Blackburn, to consider the advisability of the publication, the nature of what shall be published, and the means for the same.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the Synod express its sincere wish that the manuscripts be published, and the hope that means may be provided for the same.

2. That Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., be appointed by this Synod to cooperate in the matter of said publication.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HUMPHREYS. B. F. WILSON, WM. P. JACOBS.

The Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

The report of the Permanent Committee, and the address of Secretary Lilly have been referred to this committee.

We recommend: 1. That Synod commend the diligence of the Permanent Committee and adopt the recommendations of their report.

2. That the Stated Clerks of our Presbyteries be instructed to apportion the contributions asked among their churches.

3. That Synod, having listened to the forcible address of Secretary Lilly, calls special attention of ministers and Presbyteries to the following facts: (1) That the last Assembly solemnly enjoined upon all our ministers to preach boldly the claims of this work in connection with the annual collection. (2) That the Presbyterial Committee give special attention to the matter of Evangelistic services for the Colored people within their bounds, engaging their own ministers as far as possible in this service, and that, to this end, every Presbytery that has not yet done so, be required to create a Standing Committee on this subject.

B. P. REID, Chairman.

• The Committee on Education presented a report, which was considered until, on motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick.

FOURTH DAY.

Morning Session.

FRIDAY, Oct. 21, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. H. Law.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The protest of Rev. Dr. McPheeters and others was taken from the docket. The protest was admitted to record, and, on motion, a committee to prepare an answer to the same was appointed, consisting of Rev. Drs. C. W. Humphreys and T. H. Law and Elder N. F. Walker, to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery presented a report, which was re-committed.

The Judicial Committee reported that nothing had come into its hands and the committee was discharged.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported the following, which was adopted:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

That the Synod has heard with a great deal of interest and profit the instructive and impressive address of Dr. S. H. Chester, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and tenders its thanks to him for the same.

W. B. McILWAINE, Chairman Committee.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was adopted as follows:

. The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to report:

We have carefully examined these minutes, and, outside of matters that fall to the jurisdiction of other committees of this body, find nothing which we deem of sufficient importance and germane to Synod's work, to justify us in calling special attention to it.

C. W. HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

On motion the report on the Theological Seminary was taken from the docket, considered and adopted, the minority report on the age-rule, signed by J. L. Wilson and J. P. Mc-Neill, being adopted. It is as follows:

There have been referred to this committee two papers for their consideration.

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The report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary at Columbia to Synod. The greater part of this report contains information of the successful attendance and work of the past. The diligence and fidelity of the Board, the faculty and the students is very manifest and commendable. The committee simply calls attention of Synod in passing to

three items of interest: (1) The request of the students to the Board forinstruction in Missions. (2) The promise of the faculty to hold a Summer Institute. (3) The zealous efforts of the ladies to build a Mess Hall for the Seminary. It, furthermore, recommends:

1. The approval of the election of Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., to the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity. Also the arrangements for lectures in other departments of study.

2. The adoption of resolutions I and 2 of the Board, and the Presbyteries be urged to cooperate in carrying out these resolutions.

3. As a serious debt of \$2,550.00 confronts the Board for the running expenses of the Seminary over and above the income [\$1,050 of of this is for three years insurance] of the Seminary funds, it is recommended:

First: Every possible effort be made to scale the expenditures as far as it can be done without serious injury to the Seminary. The committee indicates the scaling in the following items: First, Treasurer's salary be reduced to \$200. Second, The expenses of the Board be reduced, members of the Board rooming and lodging in the Seminary during their meetings, but not at the expense of the students. Third, Salary of Janitor and others be reduced to \$100.00. Fourth, All repairs be deferred for this year except in case of absolute necessity. Fifth, Fuel and light fund be reduced to \$100, if possible.

Second: The Executive Committee of the Board be allowed to ask of our churches amounts sufficient to cover ½ of the deficit.

Third: Churches be urged to respond liberally to this call. [The Committee regrets to say only 28 churches in this Synod contributed to this object last year in the sum of \$231.]

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The second paper referred to this Committee was from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly relative to the Assembly's action advising the Synods to expunge from the constitution of the Seminary the article relating to the age limit of its Professors. After careful consideration the Committee recommends the following action:

That the Constitution of the Seminary be changed to conform with the judgment expressed by the General Assembly.

The Synod is notified that the term of office of Rev. W. W. Mills and W. A. Clark members of the Board, expires at this time. The committee recommends the re-election of these brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. KIRKPATRICK, Chairman.

The Rev. Dr. W. M. McPheeters resigned his office as a director of the Seminary. His resignation was accepted and Rev. Dr. W. T. Thompson was elected to fill out his unexpired term of one year.

The Committee on Finance reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, respectfully submits that it has examined the accounts included in said report, and finds the same correct and properly vouched. The committee recommends that the assessments upon the Presbyteries for the ensuing year be increased 20 per cent. upon assessments heretofore made, viz:

Bethel Presbytery	-	-		\$48.00
Enoree "	-	-	-	42.00
Harmony "	-	-	-	30.00
South Carolina Pre	sbytery	` -	-	42.00
Charleston	4.6	-	-	36.00
Pee Dee	44	-	-	18.00
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J. C. COIT, Chairman.

The Committee on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

That the Records of South Carolina Presbytery be approved, except that the Record states that the vote, in the appeal case of Stribling vs. Seneca Session, was taken in an irregular form. The vote should have been in the form, to sustain the appeal, to sustain in part, not to sustain.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up again and adopted as follows:

Your Committee has had referred to it the report of the Syncd's Permanent Committee on Education, and also the address of the Assembly's Secretary of Education.

- 1. In reference to the first of these papers, viz: the report of the Permanent Committee, we beg submit the following:
- [1] That the report has been prepared with much care and contains information that is valuable, and ought to be preserved in the appendix of our minutes.
- [2] We call attention to the fact mentioned in this report that 100 out of 266 churches of this Synod have contributed nothing to the cause of education. This is 37 per cent. of the churches of the Synod. We call attention to this fact because it represents a serious inroad upon the Synod's revenue for this important cause. Moreover it is a situation that ought to be, and can be, corrected.
- [3] The special attention of Synod is asked to the following item in the report. (See close of committee's report.)
- [4] We call Synod's attention to the fact that it is exceedingly important for the unification and advancement of the important part of its work that Synod should have some means of keeping itself advised

as to the manner and extent to which Presbyteries carry into effect the recommendations made by the Synod from time to time.

- [5] We would suggest that the Permanent Committee should so enlarge the scope of its inquiries as to keep the Synod advised of the sources from which the candidates come and of the movements in this department of Church work, both within and without our bounds.
- 2. In reference to the papers from the Assembly's Committee, we call Synod's attention to the following points:
- [1] The Assembly's Secretary, whose address was heard with pleasure, emphasized [a] the need of more ministers, [b] the need of more manhood in the ministry and, [c] the need of money.
- [2] In connection with the second of these points, viz: the need of more manhood in the ministry, we would urge upon the Synod that it is of the utmost importance that our Presbyteries, in receiving and recommending young men for aid, should earnestly seek those only whose physical health gives reasonable promise that they will enter the ministry and be able to do acceptably the work involved; whose mental capacity is such as will enable them to acquire the education we propose to give; whose force of character will make them leaders of men; and whose piety will give them favor and power with God.
- [3] In connection with the need of money, Synod is informed that in order for it to raise its quota of the total amount needed it will be necessary for the several Presbyteries to raise the following amounts:

Bethel	-	_	-	\$700
Charleston	~	~	-	600
Enoree	-	~	~	450
Harmony		-	-	250
Pee Dee	-	-	-	225
South Carolina	-	_	~	525
				\$2750

W. M. McPHEETERS, Chairman.

The Permanent Committee on Christian Education presented a report, which was approved. (See Appendix.)

Rev. W. T. Matthews was made Chairman of the Committee in place of Dr. Sprunt, who was excused from further service, and Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., was added to the committee.

The Memorial of Rev. D. X. Lafar was presented, and ordered to be printed in the appendix.

The Committee on Rules was continued till next meeting.
The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report,
which was approved as follows:

Your Committee would report that we have excused the follow-

ing members:

FOR NON-ATTENDANCE.—The Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Bean, D. D.

AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING'S SESSION.—I. R. Hayes, J. H. Therrell and T. J. Robbins.

AFTER THURSDAY MORNING'S SESSION.—Rev. J. B. Swann, Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D., T. P. Quarles, R. G. Garrison, Rev. H. L. Patterson.

AFTER THURSDAY EVENING'S SESSION.—Rev. Chalmers Moore, Rev. J. F. Jacobs, Rev. Melton Clark, Rev. J. G. Hall, Thos. Caskey, G. W. Boyd, Robert Conrad, E. P. Mobley, J. C. Scott. C. H. Leland, T. Y. Legare, John McSween, J. P. McNeill, J. Q. Howe, James Hamiton.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. JONES, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. W. G. Neville, the following was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod be returned to the citizens of Lancaster for their very kind, generous and elegant hospitality to the members during our sessions here; and also to the pastors of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Churches for the use of their church buildings; and to the railroad authorities for the reduction of railroad fare.

The minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

And Synod then adjourned with prayer and the Apostolic benediction to meet in Aveleigh Church, Newberry, S. C., Tuesday, October 24th, 1899, at 7:30 p. m.

THOMAS H. LAW,

A. A. JAMES, Moderator.

H. R. MURCHISON,

Assistant Clerk.

Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 32 Ministers and 59 Churches, and has under its care 2 Licentiates and 12 Candidates for the Ministry.

It has received Rev. J. H. Dixon from Pee Dee Presby-

tery.

It has also received under its care as candidates for the Ministry, Messrs. Lowrie Wilson Brown and J. P. Marion, Jr. It has licensed F. W. Gregg to preach the Gospel.

It has ordained to the work of the Ministry Licentiates

W. A. Hafner and W. W. Sadler.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. C. Ligon and Zion and Uriel Churches; Rev. J. P. Doggett and Kershaw and Beaver Creek, and Rev. J. G. Hall and Pleasant Grove, Catholic and Hebron.

It has dissolved Mt. Carmel Church.

It has established the pastoral relation between Rev. W. A. Hafner and Bowling Green and Ramah; Rev. W. W. Sadler and Salem and Mizpah; Rev. T. C. Ligon and White Oak and Jefferson.

It has organized Hickory Grove Church.

It has dismissed Licentiate F. K. Sims to South Alabama Presbytery, and Rev. J. P. Doggett to Holston Presbytery.

Rev. James Russell is Evangelist of Presbytery.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, Stated Clerk.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 24 Ministers and 34 Churches, and it has under its care one Licentiate and 5 Candidates for the Ministry.

One Church has been organized at Estil, S. C.

It has licensed Mr. Melton Clark and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Pee Dee.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev.

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Thos. P. Hay and the Edisto Island Church, and has dis-

missed him to Suwanee Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. R. Murchison and the Blackville and Richland Churches, and has installed him pastor of Edisto Island Church.

It has received Rev. L. H. Baldwin from Mecklenburg

Presbytery and installed him pastor of Ebenezer Church.

It has received Rev. H. M. Parker from Asheville Presbytery and installed him pastor of James Island and of John's Island and Wadmalaw Churches.

It has dismissed Rev. J. D. Tadlock, D. D., to Holston

Presbytery.

It has received Messrs. T. Douglas Smyth, Donald Richardson, Geo. H. Atkinson, J. F. Leeper and Khoshaba Shimmon as Candidates for the Ministry.

It has lost by death Rev. W. G. Vardell and Rev. J. L.

Girardeau, D. D., LL.D.

H. G. GILLAND, Stated Clerk.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of 28 Ministers and 59 Churches, and has under its care 3 Licentiates

and 10 other Candidates for the Ministry.

Within the last year it dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. R. Owings and Mt. Tabor (U) and Salem Churches, and dismissed him to Macon Presbytery; and also the pastoral relation between Rev. W. L. Walker and the 3rd Church, Greenville.

It has received by certificate from Tuskaloosa Presbytery Rev. A. H. Atkins and installed him pastor of Antioch, Centre Point and Becca Churches; and Rev. W. C. Smith from

South Carolina Presbytery.

It has received Licentiate John H. Grey from the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery, and ordained and installed him pas-

tor of Woodruff Church.

It has placed calls from the Wellford and Greenville 3rd Churches in the hands of Rev. W. L. Boggs, and arranged for his installation, thus relieving him from the Evangelistic

work of Presbytery.

It has further received Licentiate L. C. Vass from the care of Savannah Presbytery and dismissed him to the care of Albemarle Presbytery; and it has licensed to preach the Gospel Prof. D. B. Simpson and Messrs. R. P. Walker and Thornwell Jacobs.

It has received under its care from South Carolina Pres-

bytery as a Candidate for the Ministry, Mr. H. Maxcy Smith, and has dropped the name of Candidate S. R. Bass.

It has organized four new Churches, viz: Clinton 2nd,

Oakland, Pine Grove and Carlisle.

THOS. H. LAW, Stated Clerk.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY

Respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 15 Ministers, 32 Churches, and has under its care 1 Licentiate and 2 Candidates.

It has organized and enrolled three new Churches, viz:

Georgetown, New Hope and Pinewood.

It received under its care Candidate Howard L. Patterson from New Orleans Presbytery, and has since licensed, ordained, and installed him pastor of Lynchburg and Beulah Churches.

Licentiate W. H. Mills has been ordained and installed paster of Brewington, New Harmony and Richmond Churches.

The pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. E. Dun. lop and Indiantown and Central Churches has been dissolved-W. W. MILLS, Stated Clerk.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERY

Reports to Synod that it consists of 13 Ministers and 24 Churches.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Dixon and the Florence Church and dismissed Rev. J. H. Dixon to Bethel Presbytery.

It has installed Rev. C. E. Hodgin pastor of the Ben-

nettsville and Red Bluff Churches.

It has received Rev. T. H. Newkirk from Wilmington Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. M.

McNaull and the Kentyre Church.

It has received Licentiate Melton Clark from Charleston Presbytery, ordained him and made arrangements for his installation as pastor of the Florence Church.

A. H. McARN, Stated Clerk.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY

Reports to Synod that it consists of 24 Ministers and 61 Churches, and has under its care 3 Licentiates and 4 Candidates.

That it has received Licentiate R. L. Rodgers from Enoree Presbytery, ordained and installed him pastor of the Walhalla Church; Rev. W. S. Hamiter from the Presbytery of Cherokee, and installed him pastor of Seneca and Townville Churches, and has installed Rev. G. G. Mayes pastor of the Edgefield Church.

That it has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev.

W. H. Workman and the Slabtown Church.

That it has dismissed Rev. W. C. Smith to the Presbytery of Enoree and Rev. J. A. Wilson to the Presbytery of Pee Dee.

That it has received Mr. Maxcy Smith under its care as a Candidate for the Ministry and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Enoree.

G. G. MAYES, Stated Clerk.

II

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Thos H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina.

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CONTINGENT FUND.

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6.6	Assessment	Bethel Presbytery	40 00
4.4		Charleston "	30 00
6.6		Enoree "	
6.6	4.6	Harmony "	25 00
	4.	South Carolina	35 00
4.6	Cash from	advertisements in minutes -	- 30 00

DR.

	-	-	\$ 101 25
" Statistical Tables for 1898	-	-	11 50
" Salary of Stated Clerk and Treasurer	-	-	100 00
" Balance on hand at close of year -	-	-	35 55

\$ 248.30 \$ 248 30

It will be observed that Pee Dee Presbytery has failed to pay its assessment this year.

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TOWNSEND FUND.

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To	balance	in ha	ind at !	last	report	-	-	*	114	13
6.6	Interest	on	Adger	's	Note	-	-		120	00
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By remitted to W. J. Duffie, Treas.	for Students	- 110 00
" Balance in hand at close of year		136 70
	\$ 246 70	246 70

The Faculty of the Seminary has not yet recommended the students who shall be the beneficiaries of this fund for the present year.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

III

NARRATIVE.

(1) We have received reports from all of the six Presbyteries composing this Synod.

(2) Our people seem to be diligent in their attendance upon

the services of the sanctuary.

(3) Family worship is reported to be sadly neglected by some, while the observance of this important duty by others is noted.

(4) The Lord's Day is kept by our people and no flagrant

violations of the sacred Day are reported.

(5) Sabbath Schools are generally well attended and teachers and officers faithful.

(6) Collections for the various Assembly causes are regularly taken up and our people are generally faithful and liberal.

(7) Few churches are reported as not having paid pastor in

full.

(8) While only a few instances of marked outpouring of the Holy Spirit are noted, there has been a slow and a gratifying growth all along the line.

(9) Very little worldliness is reported.

(10) With the exception of the regular contributions no

Presbytery reports any special effort in the work for the Colored people.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY W. BURWELL, Chairman.

IV

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Synod's Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report that from the sources of information within our reach, we gather the following facts, some of which call for profound gratitude to God, while others well merit the serious and prayerful consideration of all God's people within our bounds:

1st. During the past year there seems to have been progress and growth all along the line. Notwithstanding the political and social disturbances in some of the countries where our missionaries are at work, they have been permitted to carry on their work without serious hindrance, and 523 have been added to the churches, as against 508 the year previous. Since the last report none of our missionaries have died, three have been dismissed, and five have been added to the number, raising the

to al to 155.

and. The reports from all our mission fields indicate that God's providence is setting wide open doors before our Missionaries at d calling them with no uncertain voice to enter and possess the land. That they are heeding the eall is shown by the reported results of their labors, but they send back to us the cry that the work is too great for them, and call for re-inforcements. Consecrated men and women have heard the call and have offered themselves to go to their help, but there are no funds in the mission treasury to send them. Is it not incumbent upon us all to consider this matter seriously and ask ourselves the question, whether or not, we have been faithful to the great commission?

3rd. Besides these greatly increased opportunities in the fields already occupied. Providence has opened wide new fields by bringing under the direct influence of our government, perhaps, twelve millions of unevangelized peoples. It is true that various other denominations in this country either have occupied or declared their intention to occupy most of this

territo y; but to a portion of it, Cuba, our Southern church owes a peculiar obligation. It is right at our doors and we have already expended a good deal of labor and money there, and the work, suspended for a time, is waiting for us to take it up again.

Your committee would earnestly lay Cuba upon the hearts

and consciences of our people.

FINANCE.

4th. The contributions for this cause from the churches under your care show cause, if not for congratulation, at least for gratitude, as they exceeded those of the previous year by more than \$1200, more than half the increase for the whole Southern Church. The following data are taken from the report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions to the last General Assembly and compared with the report of your Permanent Committee at the last meeting of Synod. The total of contributions from our Synod amounted to \$12,540.67 as against \$11,293.45 the year previous, a gain of \$1,247.22.

The total amount contributed is credited to the several

Presbyteries as follows:

	1898					1897
Bethel	\$3185:34	-	-	-	-	\$3278.84
Charleston	2219.77	-	-	-	-	2177.41
Enoree	2468.50	-	-	-	-	1937.58
Harmony	1402.17	-	-	-	-	1352.58
Pee Dee	883.30	-	-	-	-	749.78
South Carolina	2347.84	-	-	-	-	1797.26
Miscellaneous	33.75					

Only one Presbytery shows a falling off viz: Bethel, and

it is to the amount of \$93.50.

Charleston increased her contributions \$42.36. Enoree, \$530.92: Harmony \$49.59; Pee Dee \$33.52: South Carolina \$550.58.

There has been also a decrease in the number of non-con-

tributing churches.

The Treasurer of Foreign Missions reports the number of these for the whole Assembly as 907, against 1,034 for the year previous; and for our Synod as 63, against 75 last year. These latter are distributed as follows: Bethel, 11; Charleston, 14; Enoree, 14; Harmony, 4; Pee Dee, 6; South Carolina, 14.

You see, therefore, that while there is much to lament, there is still something to encourage us to press forward

towards the accomplishment of greater things, and much cause

for gratitude to God.

5th. Through the kindness of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, we are able also to present a statement of the contributions from our churches for about five months of the current ecclesiastical year. It is as follows, by Presbyteries:

Bethel	-	\$691.34
Charleston	-	789.22
Enoree	-	472.00
Harmony	-	485.55
Pee Dee	-	155.55
South Carolina	-	584.49

Total - \$3,178.15

From this statement it will be seen that the contributions of our churches for five months of the current year, although the important month of May is included, amount to only a little over one-fourth of the amount contributed last year. Now what does this mean? Does it indicate that there is to be a great falling off for the current year, or is it rather that the funds already contributed were still in the hands of Church or Presbyterial treasurers when this statement was prepared? Probably the latter; and we would call the attention of Synod to the fact that the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions has asked the General Assembly to devise some means to correct this evil.

In conclusion your committee would recommend as follows:

1st. That individual churches, if able, be urged to undertake the support of individual missionaries; and that, if not able alone, then to unite with one or more contiguous churches in doing so.

2nd. That Synod call the attention of the Presbyteries to the second recommendation of the Permanent Committee's report to the last Synod, and urge them to take what steps may seem most practicable to them for carrying out the idea

of that recommendation.

3rd. That every minister in this Synod be requested to preach to his people on Foreign Missions at least twice a year; and that all ministers and sessions be urged to see to it that every church have an opportunity, at least, to contribute to this cause.

4th. That the Sessions of our churches be requested to devise more effective methods for the introduction of THE MIS-

SIONARY, published in Nashville, into all the families of their respective congregations.

5th. That the above recommendations be read from the

pulpits of all our churches.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee J. G. HALL, Chairman.

V.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL EVANGELIZATION.

The Committee on Synodical Home Missions submits this, its second annual report, to the venerable and beloved Synod of South Carolina.

The Committee has held four regular meetings since the

last Synod, all of which were in Columbia.

The same Presbyteries have co-operated in this work that were in it last year: Bethel, Enoree, Harmony and Pee Dee.

In conducting the work the Committee has adhered to the same policy in connection with the Presbyteries that it

adopted last year.

The Committee employed Rev. N. J. Holmes as general Evangelist for a little more than two months during the year, in which time he did faithful service. In order to save expense, the Committee thought best to discontinue the services of a general Evangelist and try to do the work of collecting funds themselves. We realized that this course would place extra work upon the Committee and curtail the contributions to this cause; but as there was such a cry of "hard times" through our section of country, we thought best to pursue this course. So we have had no general Evangelist in the field since last April.

We have been doing work in three Presbyteries: Enoree,

Harmony and Pee Dee.

Let us look at the work done in each of these Presbyteries:

WORK IN ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Rev. W. L. Boggs has been laboring as our Evangelist in this Presbytery, and his labors in the main have been directed by the Committee on Home Missions of that Presbytery. We think a good work has been done. Since the last

meeting of Synod, Mr. Boggs has visited thirty Churches and Mission points; he has been instrumental in organizing two churches and in reviving two churches that were practically. dead, one of which now has a pastor for one-fourth of his time, and the other is offering \$100 towards pastor's salary, and has two elders, one deacon and thirty-eight members-it had only fourteen to start with; he has held eight protracted meetings, preached about 150 times, received thirty-two members into the Church on profession and made nearly 400 visits; three pastoral groups have been formed and pastors secured for the same. The Church at Carlisle, which was organized in June, has an enthusiastic membership and is making efforts to erect a house of worship at an early day. It is thought that three other new Churches will soon be built in this Presbytery, though only one of them will be the direct result of of Mr. Boggs' work. The field in this Presbytery is indeed inviting, and it promises good results to faithful work. When we consider the fact that there is a cotton mill population in this Presbytery of about 50,000, we can certainly see that there is a great work to be done there.

Mr. Boggs sent to the Committee his resignation as Evangelist about the middle of last month, to take effect at the end

of the month This resignation was accepted,

WORK IN HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Home Missions in this Presbytery, Synod's Committee placed Revi J. E. Dunlop over the work at Georgetown. It was understood that Mr. Dunlop should serve Union and Kingstree Churches in connection with Georgetown. We promised to pay him \$400 out of our treasury per annum and the remaining part of his salary was to be paid by the Churches served. We also promised to pay \$400 to supplement the salary of a man who was to labor in the Churches of Indiantown and Central, doing also some missionary work. But this man has not yet been found.

The little band at Georgetown has undertaken to build a house of worship. They have in cash and subscriptions about \$175 for this purpose. Our Committee has promised them \$200 for this cause. They have been worshipping in a hall up to this time. Mr. Dunlop preaches there two Sabbaths in the month to large congregations, the hall not always being able to accommodate comfortably all who attend. There is also a successful Sabbath School in connection with this work.

WORK IN PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

Rev. J. A. Wilson has been laboring as Evangelist in this Presbytery for the last year with headquarters in Horry county. We have also had the services of Mr. R. F. Kirkpatrick, one of our candidates for the ministry, for three months during the summer. Mr. Kirkpatrick took Mr. Wilson's place in Horry county during this time, giving the latter an opportunity to look after other points in the Presbytery. The committee has been very much pleased with Mr. Kirkpatrick's work, and we have been impressed with the wisdom of our course in securing his services and in placing him in Horry county. We have been very much gratified with Mr. Wilson's work in Pee Dee Presbytery and we believe that there is still much more for him to do there.

In Horry county we have five preaching points, viz:

I. Conway, the county seat, where we have an organized church with two elders, one deacon, and eleven members on the ground. This is the only organized church we have in the county. There are members living in other parts of the county that belong to this church. The services here are well attended.

2. BUCKSVILLE, about fourteen miles south of Conway, where there are ten members of the Presbyterian Church. There are many others in this community who seem to be deeply interested in our cause. The congregations at this place, as a rule, are large, and the outlook for a good church at this point at an early day is very encouraging.

3. Bayboro, about eighteen miles north of Conway. There are no Presbyterians in this community, but many persons here sympathize with us and seem to be waiting only for an opportunity to join us, and are urging us to build. The congregations here are large and attentive. Truly the harvest

here seems to be white.

4. Loris, seven miles above Bayboro. We have here a ruling elder and family of three who are members of our church. The outlook here is promising for a church, as we shall see later in this report. This place and Bayboro are both towns on the railroad with a good country population surrounding them, and both give promise of growth.

5. WILLOW SPRINGS (School House), five miles west of Conway. Here we have preaching once a month in the afternoon; and, in addition, we have here a flourishing Sabbath School. There are many in this community who never hear

preaching except as we give it to them, and they attend the services in large numbers.

We report that the church at Clio has been built at a cost

of about \$800.

We hope soon to have churches built at the following

places in Pee Dee Presbytery:

- I. LATTA, Marion county. The contract has not yet been let, but all the lumber, except the shingles, has been given, and about \$211 subscribed by the people in the place, and a lot has been given. Latta is a town with about 500 inhabitants.
- 2. DILLON, Marion county. The people here have subscribed \$375 to build a church, which is to be paid the first of December. The contract will soon be let and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy at an early day. Dillon is a town with about 800 inhabitants, and there are about thirty Presbyterians in the community. A Presbyterian Church is certainly needed at this point.

3. Bucksville, Horry county. At this place all the lumber has been subscribed and they have \$125 in cash with which to build a church. The contract has been let and they are now at work on the building. This is a thickly settled country community with some splendid material to work with.

4. Loris, Horry county. At this point a beautiful lot has been secured with a building on it which we think can be remodeled at small cost and made very serviceable as a house of worship. Loris is a small town with about 200 inhabitants, and as has already been stated, is on the railroad.

5. BAYBORO, Horry county, There are at this place about \$75 in sight for a church building, and the people are negotiating with the A. C. L. R. R. for the transfer of a lot to us upon which we hope soon to build. This is a small town on the railroad with about 100 inhabitants, and is sur-

rounded by a good population in the country.

The committee thinks that the foundation for a good work has been laid in Pee Dee Presbytery. We hope that a man will be placed in Horry county as permanent pastor of the work there as soon as possible, so that the evangelist can work up other fields in the Presbytery.

FINANCES.

The following figures will show what moneys have come into the hands of the committee since the last meeting of Synod and where they came from:

	Balance on hand f		year -		\$1,876.22
	Synodical Collect	ion -	-		31.30
\mathbf{F}	rom churches in Be	ethel P	resbyter	v :	
	Olivet		-	, · .	20.20
	Bullock's Creek			_	51.00
	White Memorial				7.50
	Calvary		•		
	Zion				15.00
	Kershaw			Ī	34.30
	Beth Shiloh	•	•	-	9.25
	Heath Springs	_	•	-	4.75
	Bethesda	~	-	•	10.00
		•	•	-	60.00
	Allison Creek	-	•	-	20.31
	Yorkville	-	•	~	79.50
	Chester	-	-	-	49.75
	Total from B	ethel P	resbyter	y -	\$361.56
\mathbf{F}_{i}	rom churches in E	noree P	resbyte	ry:	
	Washington St.,			-	174.50
	Spartanburg	-	-	-	151.50
	Old Fields	-	-	-	3.25
,	Spartan Mills		_	-	10.00
	Nazareth	_	_	_	23.00
	Rocky Springs	_	-	_	2.00
	Tucapau	_	_		26.00
	Duncan's Creek				1.00
	Antioch				2.00
	Clinton	_	•		16.75
	Union	•	-	-	
		-	-	-	105.00
	Union (Children)		-	-	25.00
	3rd Church, Gree		•	-	17.55
	2nd Church, Gree	enville	-	•	82.12
	Laurens	-	-	-	32.65
	Clifton	-	-	-	19.00
	Wellford	-	1.5	-	8.50
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-	Total from E				\$699.82
F.	rom churches in H	armony	Presby	tery:	
	Mayesville	•	-	•	33.25
	Mt. Zion	-	•	-	35.76
	Concord	-	-	-	20.50
	Salem (B. R.)	•	-	-	30.50
	Bethel and Midw	ay -	-	-	5.73
	Union	-	-	-	1.20

Pinetree	-	-	-	21.48	
Hephzibah		-	-	12.15	
Bethel	-	-	-	7.00	
Total from I	larmony	y Presby	tery	\$167.57	
From churches in F	ee Dee	Presbyt	ery:		
Bennettsville	_	_	_	5.64	
Through Rev. J.	A. Wi	lson	_	8.25	
Darlington			_	14.07	
Hopewell	~ =		_	8.86	
Laurel Hill	_	_	1	3:00	
Conway		_	_	59.45	
Carolina	_	_	_	35.40	
Timmonsville	_	_	_	40.93	
Lake City	2		21	4.00	
Florence			_	33.05	
Marion				1.25	
2,202,011					
Total from P	ee Dee	Presbyt	ery	\$213.90	
The following amount					divid-
ual persons:				14.0	
Rev. J. M. McL	ain -	_	_	10.00	
" James Woo		D. D.	_	25.00	
" W. M. McI			_	2.00	
C. E. C.	-	-	_	1.00	
Rev. W. L. Bog	gs -		_	10.00	
" W. G. Nev	ille -	_	_	50.00	
. Total from in	ndividua	al person	ns '	\$98.00	
Interest on mone	v in ban	k -	_	51.11	
Varennes Church			erv	1.43	
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The following amo	ounts na	ive beer	i recei	ved for C	nurcii
New Harmony (2.00	
Abbeville S. S. (S. C. P	resbyter	: y)	7.45	
Mt. Olivet S. S.		Presbyt	tery)	1.00	
Yorkville Church		4		5.00	
Mrs. Rebecca Hi				1.00	
Catholic S. S. (B	ethel Pr	resbyter	y)	1.03	
Coronaca S. S. (S. C. P	resbyter	y)	2.20	
T 15 C	1 17				
Total for Ch	urch Er	ection		\$19.68	

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Balance on har	nd from last y	ear -	\$1,876.22
Synodical Coll	ection		31.30
From Churche	s in Bethel P	resbytery	361.56
6.6	" Enoree		699.82
	TTAT III OII)	7	167.57
	" Pee Dee	6.4	213.90
Interest on mo	ney in bank		51,11
Individual pers	sons - 4	- =	98.00
Varennes Chur	ch -	-	1.43
On Church Er	ection Fund	- 7	19.68

Total am't. rec'd. from all sources \$3,520.59

The following figures will show what has been paid out during the year:

Rev. W. L. Boggs (salary)	_!	\$916.70
" J. A. Wilson "	-	825.00
" N. J. Holmes "	-	281.25
" (expenses)	-	21.10
" J. E. Dunlop (salary)	-	125.00
Mr. R. F. Kirkpatrick (salary)	-	110.00
Rev. W. T. Matthews (expenses	to	
Georgetown	-	19.30
Rev. W. H. Mills (expenses	to	
Georgetown)	-	2.96
Expenses of the committee -	1	17.67
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Total amount paid out - - \$2,318.98

Deduct this from the total amount received and the result will be \$1,201.61, the amount now in the treasury.

But we are due the Georgetown Church \$200 to assist in their building and we owe Rev. J. E. Dunlop \$75 on salary which will pay him to this meeting of Synod. Messrs. Boggs

and Wilson have been paid to October 1.

In addition to what has been done directly through the committee, the following sums have been contributed for Synodical work to assist in erecting churches. This money has been given by people who live outside of the communities where the churches are to be built. It has not gone through the hands of the committee, but as it is for the work in which we are engaged, we report it:

Through Rev. J. E. Dunlop	-	\$160.00
" "J. A. Wilson	-	76.41
Pee Dee Presbytery	-	50.00
Subscribed through Rev. J. A. W	ilson	96.63
Total	-	\$383.04

We make the following recommendations:

1. That an hour be set apart during this meeting for the

consideration of this special work.

2. In order to carry this work on successfully we believe that \$3,000 is a conservative estimate of the cost of it. We therefore recommend that this amount be apportioned among the co-operating Presbyteries as follows: Bethel \$1,000, Enoree \$1,000, Harmony \$600, and Pee Dee \$400; and further, that these amounts be apportioned among the various churches of the Presbyteries by the respective authorities of the Presbyteries.

3. That the third Sabbath of December, or as soon thereafter as is convenient, be appointed as the time to take up collections in the churches of the co-operating Presbyteries

for this cause.

In closing this report, we are constrained to call Synod's especial attention to the fact that God has been very gracious to us during the past year. May our hearts go up to Him in great gratitude for His loving kindnesses during this Synodical year, and may His goodness to us lead us to do more for Him in the future. Let us thank God and take courage.

In behalf of the committee, W. G. NEVILLE, Chairman.

VI.

THE REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

The number of candidates reported to last Assembly was 362 and of licentiates 73. This shows a decline of 16 in the number of candidates and 17 of licentiates for the year.

Of this number 32 candidates and 10 licentiates belong to

Synod of South Carolina.

They are distributed among our Presbyteries as follows;

Bethel	ΙI	candidates,	2	licentiates,
Enoree	10		3	
Harmony	2	6.6	O	
South Carolina	4		3	
Charleston	5	4.4	I	6.6

Pee Dee has neither candidates nor licentiates.

In college there are 14 this year as last year; 5 at Davidson; 7 at Clinton; 2 at Furman. In the Seminary there are 15 this year as last year; 10 at Columbia; 3 at Union; 1 at Princeton; 1 at Due West. Seven of these are in senior class.

Eight this year against five last year are not studying -Two have no health and six have no means.

Two this year against six last year have been dropped. These both left our church.

As to aid and contributions:

Bethel received aid for 6, in all \$355, and gave \$ 370.08 Central Committee Enoree received aid for 6, in all \$340 and gave Central Committee 217.18 Harmony received aid for 1, in all \$75 and gave Central Committe 191.48 South Carolina received aid for 6, in all \$450 and gave Central Committee 397.57 Charleston received aid for 1, in all \$75, and gave Central Committee 82.32 Pee Dee received no aid; gave Central Committee 101.56 Twenty of our students were aided this year against twenty-three last year. They received \$1295 this year against \$1462 last year.

Our total contribution to committee's treasury is \$1484.19

or \$189 more than we have drawn out.

Direct aid to students is reported in Bethel, Enoree and Charleston Presbyteries to the amount of \$1284. Charleston gave \$909 of this aid.

Only 166 out of 266 churches contributed to the Central Committee: 39 were in Bethel, 34 in Enoree, 25 in Harmony, 15 in Pee Dee, 45 in South Carolina and 8 in Charleston.

Nine students, 5 from Bethel, 1 from Enoree, 2 from South Carolina, 1 from Charleston, received \$1210 aid from student's fund this year. The same number received \$825 last

The diligence and deportment of our students is reported

as good, with the exception of two cases in Bethel which are reported as "not altogether satisfactory."

As to directions of Synod:

Bethel has adopted the admirable rules of Harmony reported to last Synod and recommended in last report. Two Presbyteries, Pee Dee and Bethel, have adopted written examinations. Enoree assures the Synod of its purpose to exercise due care in the examination of candidates.

Pee Dee has begun giving candidates certificates of permission to enter the Seminary and also to require of them pledges to refund all aid received in case they turn aside from preparation for the ministry.

The attention of Presbyteries is called to the following:

1. The desirability of sending to the Central Committee a complete list of the candidates whether aided or not.

2. The desirability of sending contributions made directly to students through the Central Committee, so that the committee's report can show all that is done by Presbyteries for the Education of the ministry.

3. The last Assembly ordered the committee to discontinue aid to students not in college or Seminary and urged Presbyteries to discourage attendance upon institutions outside of our

bounds.

B. P. REID, Chairman.

VII.

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

1. Since our last report, some significant changes have taken place in the condition and plans of the American Bible Socity. First of all, the hand of affliction has been strangely laid upon the executive department of the Society. In March last, the Rev. Dr. Alexander McLean, for 24 years one of its Corresponding Secretaries, and that one who had special charge of the work in this section and frequently attended and addressed our General Assembly in its interests, was removed after a lingering illness. The Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt, Junior Secretary, had then to take the oversight of this part of the work in addition to his own; and on the 11th of September he too, after 20 years of service, was suddenly called away. And the venerable General Agent, Mr. C. *T. Rowe, who for 44

years has conducted the publishing department, has also been laid aside by illness for many months.

Then, too, in March last, the system of District Superintendents which the Society had used almost from its beginning to conduct the work in the several States, was discontinued. But as the Society must of necessity have agents in the field to look after its interests, the Board of Managers afterwards adopted the plan of Field Agents, one third the number of the former District Superintendents, whose duties are not specially to look after the local Societies or the distribution of the Scriptures among our own people, but to present the claims of the work to churches, ecclesiastical bodies etc, and endeavor to awaken interest and secure funds for the cause. Under this new plan, the Rev. T. H. Law has been appointed Field Agent for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama, and

entered upon his work as such the 1st July last.

2 It is gratifying to note a decided improvement in the receipts of the A. B. S. the last year over the preceding. A year ago a financial crisis confronted the Society, and serious fears were felt in regard to its future welfare. But its friends came to the rescue, and the gifts received for the year ending March 31, 1898, exceeded by 50% those of the year previous. While this has greatly relieved the Society, yet it had largely to curtail its work in order to prevent debt, and has not yet been warranted in enlarging its operations sufficiently to meet the pressing demands of the work. What it needs is the regular, systematic support of the churches whose agent it is, so that it may be relieved from the uncertainty of legacies and the necessity for spasmodic appeals in the emergencies of the work. A small annual constribution from each and every congregation whom it serves in the distribution of the Scriptures at home and abroad, would put it upon a solid basis, and enable it to occupy the fields which, in the providence of God, open to its operations.

We observe with special pleasure that the increase named above, has marked the contributions of our Synod. According to the reports of the churches, there has been an advance in every Presbytery except Pee Dee, the aggregate for 1898 being \$634, as against \$528 in 1897. There has been also a proportionate increase in the number of contributing churches, from '85 to 94, every Presbytery showing an increase except South Carolina. All this is encouraging, and inspires us to go forward with the aim of procuring a presentation of the cause and a collection for it in every church. Thus only can we meet

fully our obligation to take part in the most blessed work of dis-

seminating the Scriptures of Divine and saving truth.

The only other point which seems to call for special comment in this report is the opening up through the recent war, of fresh fields which the A. B. S, has been prompt to enter. The organization of a large army, composed of two or three hundred thousands of our young men, whose religious interests had to be looked after by the Christian people of the land, called for large donations of the Scriptures in a form suitable for the soldier to carry in his pocket. These were supplied as the demand came, and were doubtless of immense benefit to our troops in the field. And the deliverance of the people of the islands conquered by our arms, from the hard bondage of Popery, involving spiritual ignorance and the exclusion of the Scriptures, presents a magnificent field for missionary work, which the A. B. S. has been quick to enter in carrying the word of God in their own tongue to these benighted people, This, in addition to the former great work of the A. B. S. in the home and foreign fields, ought to make us feel the obligation of giving it a cordial and liberal support.

We suggest therefore that the Synod once more urge our Presbyteries and Sessions to give this important cause the at-

tention and consideration which it merits.

Respectfully submitted, THOS. H. LAW, Chairman.

VIII.

REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

1. The Independent Church.

It was the hope of your committee to be able to report to the Synod that the blessed black baby committed to our care had grown into a lusty child, toddling about at will, with strong limbs and a good appetite for plain food. It has developed, but has not grown much. Its appetite is fine, but the commissary is short.

The Independent Colored Church was duly organized in New Orleans last May, Rev. E. W. Williams of Abbeville, S. C., was elected Moderator, and while the new church did not receive the support of all the Colored Presbyteries and churches, which were scattered among our own, a beginning was made—a small one, yet one which has at its head a hopeful man, undaunted and undismayed. A number of ministers and churches met recently in Birmingham, and a considerable stampede was feared, but beyond the departure of a few, doubtless suffering from an aggravated form of ecclesiastical roup, the stampede was a failure.

Owing to the widely scattered condition of the components of the Independent Church, we will need to extend a silver-lined palm in waving them a brotherly God-speed. It is our duty to encourage the union with this Church of all unallied Negro ministers and Colored churches which hold to our

system, and which lie within our bounds.

2 EVANGELISTIC WORK IN THE SYNOD. (a). There are three Presbyteries within this State, and work has been continued in them with variable success during the year. In Chester Presbytery considerable energy has been displayed by Rev. Messrs. Reed, Rice, Hill and Wade. At Leeds a building is being erected, and at several points churches are needed. The work at Pendleton has been retarded by not having the right kind of men to do the work. But Rev. E. W. Williams will give it his personal attention now, and we may confidently prophesy progress. Rev. J. P. Saunders is trying to develope the work at Seneca. In Kingstree a church is soon to be organized.

The work of the church of the Presbytery of Pee Dee

moves on apace under the greatest difficulties.

3. COLLECTIONS.

The reports to the General Assembly shows that this Synod contributed \$627 this year as follows:

Bethel \$ 170 Harmony \$ 60 Charleston 118 Pee Dee 38 Enoree 81 South Carolina 160

Yet, owing to an exasperating disregard of the recommendations of Synod, re-inforced by the emphatic utterances of the Presbyteries to retain the money within our own bounds, more money was sent to the Assembly's Committee than was sent to the Synod's, but the prospect is good for the return of this money.

4. THE ABBEVILLE SCHOOL.

There have been misunderstandings all along the line of

our endeavors to purchase this property. The Assembly's Committee has for the present dropped the matter of purchase, and the school, countinuing its work will need help to pay the interest on the debt, which the Synod of South Carolina can pay, and upon the payment of which the school can continue its work, in connection with the Independent Church.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That \$1200 bc apportioned as follows:

Bethel \$275 Enoree \$200 Harmony \$150 Charleston 275 South Carolina 200 Pee Dee 100 That these amounts be apportioned at once among the churches, and that most faithful efforts be made to realize them at the December collection.

2. That a good Colored man be secured as soon as possible and placed in Chester County to give the growing work there wise encouragement.

3. That \$408 be appropriated to the interest of the debt of

the Abbeville school, payable quarterly during year.

4. That \$40 of funds in the treasury be placed in the hands of Rev. J. G. Richards to be expended in the Presbytery of North and South Carolina, according to his judgment.

5. That all money be sent to Dr. Ino. Little, Tuscaloosa,

Ala., who will act as our Treasurer.

J. N. SUMMERELL, Chairman.

IX.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The committee on Church and Christian Education submit the following report:

So far as our information goes there is nothing within the purview of this committee calling for special notice on the part of the Synod. The work is quietly progressing in the midst of the institutions which call for our sympathy and support, and commendable zeal is being manifested by the authorities of our schools and colleges in general, towards maintaining a wholesome regard for the truth and inculcating the principles of the Christian religion.

There is to be noted a very careful regard for the highest interests of our youth, mental and moral, in some institutions amongst us, both for males and females. We recommend the consideration of this subject to the parents in our churches and urge upon them a careful examination of the principles and practice of the institution selected for their sons and daughters.

This cause as all others engaged in the good work of the church needs financial as well as moral support. In view of the pressing demands upon us by all the departments of Church work, we do not now deem it wise to suggest to our churches the expediency of a general collection for this cause. It would however afford very great gratification to Synod to know that the cause is so highly esteemed by individual members or individual churches as to warrant their sympathies and support to any extent they may be able to offer it.

Respectfully submitted by THE COMMITTEE.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOG-ICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary submits to the four controlling Synods the following as its annual report for the year ending May 12, 1898.

The Board convened in the Seminary Chapel, May 10, at 8:30 p.m. All were present except the Rev. H. F. Hoyt, D.

D., of Georgia and Mr. J. H. Miller of Alabama.

The report submitted by the Faculty, which included the catalogue for the current year, shows that the condition of the Seminary is healthy and its outlook encouraging. With few exceptions, the health of the students has been good, their work satisfactory, and their conduct such as becometh the gospel.

Of the twenty (20) students who matriculated, four (4) were enrolled as post-graduates, viz., Rev. T. C. Marshall of Princeton Seminary and Rev. F. E. Rodgers and Licentiates

W. H. Mllls and F. K. Sims, of Columbia Seminary.

One matriculant, Mr. R. H. Rusk, was admitted to the Senior class, having completed a two years' course at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Three were enrolled in the middle class, viz., Mr. D. M. Douglass, who had completed his first year at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Mr. Alex. Waite, of Union Seminary, N. Y., and Mr. James Waite, of Union Seminary, N. Y., and

Alleghany Seminary, Penn., and two, the Rev. J. A. Rice, D. D., of the Methodist Church, and Mr. C. C. Carson, who has been one year at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Sem-

inary, were enrolled as special students.

The total enrollment was thirty-three (33) as against twenty-six (25) for the previous session. Of this number twenty (20) had received the degree of A. B., and one that of B. L. S. The remaining thirteen had all received a more or less complete college training. The enrollment in the regular classes and special courses was as follows, viz:

Senior, 6, Middle, 9, Junior, 11, Special Students, 3,

Post-graduates, 4;—Total, 33.

The following students having passed satisfactory examinations and fulfilled the other necessary conditions were awarded the degree of B. D. viz: Messrs. D. J. Blackwell, Melton Clark, J. A. Clotfelter, F. L. Higdon and R. H. Rusk.

Mr. J. M. Harris was given a department certificate in Apologeties, Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity and Theology; and a sessional certificate in Old Testament, and

New Testament Literature and Exegesis.

The committee of Examiners appointed by the Synods met at the time fixed, and went over the examinations set by the Faculty and the papers prepared thereupon by the students.

They report that the method pursued by the Faculty in these examinations commended itself to them as both thorough and comprehensive, and at the same time of such a character as to give every student a fair opportunity to exhibit his knowledge of the subjects involved.

Of the papers submitted by the students, they say that they are generally satisfactory and some of them exhibit high attainments. Under the efficient oversight of Prof. D. J. Brimm, the buildings and grounds have taken on a greatly improved appearance. The ladies who have the Mess Hall in hand are still pressing their work, and hope at some not distant day to bring it to a successful conclusion.

There have been added to the Library in all forty-two volumes. Of these, seventeen consisting of valuable Jewish service books, parts of the Hebrew Bible, and other books, were the gift of Mr. J. L. Hart of Charleston, S. C. Of the remainder, six were the gift of Prof. W. M. McPheeters.

The thanks of the Board are due to the following churches for special contributions to aid in meeting the contingent expenses of the Seminary, viz:

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Ebenezer	6.00	Manning	6.6	2.50
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Good Hope "	3.00	Anderson	6.6	7.42
Tatum "	1.00	Pee Dee	6.6	1.00
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Mt. Olivet "	2.00	Liberty Hill	6.6	1.95
Walterboro "	4.00	Ora [Old Fields] ''	2.00
Nazareth "	3.00	Brewington	6.6	2.00
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Reedy River "	1.00	Pendleton	6.6	11.00
Concord "	6.37	Sumter	6.6	7.25
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Mr. A. White, Sumter	5.00	Spartanburg 1st		7.07
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Persuant to action taken by the Board at its last meeting, and based upon a specific provision of the plan of Government, the chairs of Apologetics, and of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity, became vacant at this meeting of the Board. The Board esteem themselves fortunate in having been able to keep up the worthy succession in the latter chair by filling it with one so widely and favorably known in and to the Church as the Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn.

They are also gratified to be able to announce that they have further strengthened the Faculty by securing the services of the Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., and those of the Rev. S. C. Byrd, A. M., for the coming Seminary year. Dr. Smith will act as Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, and Rev. Mr. Byrd as Lecturer in the English Bible. The chair of Apologetics will be left vacant for the present, in order that its endowment, which has become somewhat impaired, may be strengthened.

A request from the students asking for regular instruction in Missions was, by the Board, referred to the Faculty, who will doubtless do whatever they can to meet the wishes of the

student body in the premises.

The Seminary Institute authorized by the Boardat its last meeting was, for cause, deferred for one year. The Faculty, however, notified the Board that it was only deferred, not dispensed with, as it is their purpose to hold the Institute at the appointed time during the coming session.

The chairman of the Faculty, who last fall a year ago was elected to a position on the Board by the Synod of South Carolina, announced his purpose to tender his resignation to that

Synod at its approaching meeting.

The following action taken by the Board in reference to the perplexing and difficult subject of beneficiary education, will, it is hoped commend itself to the General Assembly and

to the controlling Synods.

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance that all funds provided to aid beneficiaries be so administered as to command the confidence and approval of the Church, to promote the real interest of those receiving them, and not to defeat the worthy end aimed at by those donating these funds; and

Whereas, it of right belongs to the Presbyteries to decide, and the Presbyteries alone are in a position to decide, how much aid is required in the case of each particular candidate;

therefore, be it resolved:

1. That hereafter in addition to the letter of introduction at present required, the Faculty shall require of every candidate entering the Seminary as a beneficiary, a statement from his Presbytery or from the chairman of the Presbyterial Committee of Education of his Presbytery, informing the Faculty what is the maximum amount of aid which in the judgment of the Presbytery should be granted said candidate from Seminary and other funds.

2nd. That hereafter, in extending aid to beneficiaries from Seminary funds, the Faculty be instructed to give them the option of receiving such aid in the form of a loan without interest, to be repaid in larger or smaller installments, as God may enable them, and within ten years after leaving the Sem-

inary.

3rd. That the foregoing resolutions be submitted to the four controlling Synods with the request that if they meet their approval they will endeavor to secure the hearty co-operation of their respective Presbyteries in giving them effect.

W. W. MILLS, Secretary of Board.

XI

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THORNWELL ORPHANAGE.

During the past year we have had under our care one hundred and seventy-two orphan children, ninety-two of

whom were from within the bounds of this Synod.

For the maintenance of the orphans, repairs of buildings and minor improvements, the sum of \$15,277.19 has been expended, these funds coming from every part of the United States and from beyond seas, as well; this sum also includes

\$1,721 of regular income, not donations.

Special improvements have been made by the erection and furnishing of the "Mrs. S. P. Lees Industrial School," which is devoted to sewing and laundry work, and for which the latest improvements in machinery have been perfected. The Mrs. Van Horn Memorial for Blacksmithing has also

been erected and is awaiting furnishing.

The annual meeting of the Board was held on the occasion of our Twenty-third Commencement. At this meeting it was arranged, as circumstances were constantly occurring requiring attention, that a local Board should be organized out of the resident members in the town of Clinton, with instructions to continue the meetings held by them for the past twenty-five years with so much success. The actions of the Local Board are to be subject to the review and control of the Synodical Board, and their minutes must be submitted to the same.

At the Annual Commencement, nine young ladies were graduated, eight of whom are now engaged in teaching school and one has a situation as a typewriter. During the year one pupil died at her mother's residence, whither she had gone on hope of convalescing; one volunteered in his country's service; thirteen were found situations or returned to relatives; one of these also being engaged in school teaching. Their places were filled by others. A large number of applicants is awaiting the first vacancies.

The endowment is increased to about \$20,000. The

Board at its annual meeting resolved:

1st. To urge upon the public that the endowment be increased to \$75,000, the interest to be used in meeting the

fixed charges of the institution for salaries, repairs and the like.

2nd. That the support of the children, fixed at \$60.00 each per annum could and would be provided for by the Churches, Societies, individuals, Sunday Schools, or by small-

er gifts from interested friends.

We find in looking over the receipts of the Institution that very much depends upon the Thanksgiving and Christmas collections, over one-half of the support of the Orphanage being contributed in the months of November, December and January. It is hoped that this will be borne in mind by Churches and pastors and that notwithstanding the many other claims, local and general, that this one, so dear to the hearts of our Lord and His people, will not be overlooked.

By order of the Board.

WM. P. JACOBS, President.

XII

REPORT OF CLINTON COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina takes pleasure in presenting its annual report to the Synod of South Carolina, which it does by permission of the Synod.

We are pleased to report that the session of '97-'98 was a satisfactory one. The 19th year has begun with an attendance, equal in numbers and in some respects superior to last

year. There is a brighter outlook for the college.

At the opening of the year Rev. W. T. Matthews, was elected Chancellor of the institution and his duties assigned—to represent the College before the Christian public. He has done much toward bringing the College to the attention of the Churches in the Synod and has added to

its material prosperity.

At the close of the last Collegiate year, Prof. Ferdinand Jacobs, who had long and faithfully labored for the institution, finding his new duties as Editor and Business Manager of the Southern Presbyterian so heavy, urged for the third time the acceptance of his resignation. The resignation was accepted, and his duties divided between Chancellor Matthews

and Rev. Dr. Bean. The college has a full faculty of six

able professors and first-class work is being done.

Since the last meeting of Synod and in consequence of its action, a proposition was made to its six Presbyteries composing the Synod, to assume the control of the institution. The Presbyteries of Enoree, Bethel, Charleston, Pee Dee and Harmony, each have appointed representatives in the Board; the Alumni have elected two; and the local Board have elected nine. These will be chartered at the approaching session of the General Assembly of South Carolina, and the college property put under their control.

The college property has undergone some improvement during the summer; arrangements are being made for water works, in connection with the College dormitory. The Library has been increased to \$1,500 bound volumes and several

thousand unbound pamphlets.

Under these new auspices, the College hopes to make

much more rapid progress in the near future.

We thank the Synod for permitting this annual report and for the encouraging words spoken at your last session, in our behalf.

By order of the Board.

WM. P. JACOBS, President.

XIII.

MEMORIAL.

The Rev. David Xavier La Far was born in the City of Charleston, November 2nd, 1826, and died August 24th, 1897, being therefore in his 71st year at the time of his death. This event occurred at Brevard, N. C., whither he had gone with his family for rest and recuperation. The end came with crushing suddenness, which, together with the circumstances of his absence from home made it all the harder for his loved ones to bear.

Mr. La Far was of Huguenot descent and was reared and passed most of his life in the city of his nativity, which he loved next to his family and his church.

He was graduated from the College of Charleston in 1846

with the first honors of his class, which scholarship he maintained and developed in after life so as to make him, besides the other ends which it subserved, a most efficient and successful teacher of youth, to which work he gave much of his time.

After his graduation, Mr. La Far's attention was first turned to the profession of law, but feeling it to be his duty to preach the Gospel, he turned from the law to the work to which his convictions called him.

His first labors as a preacher were in the Huguenot Church of Charleston, upon the services of which he had attended during his earlier years, and whose pastor he now assisted and to whose work he afterwards succeeded for a year or more. Subsequently he connected himself with the Charleston Union Presbytery by whom he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Minlstry and of which, in the providence of God, he

became the last surviving member.

In his later Ministry, Mr. La Far was received into the Presbytery of Harmony and continued in this connection till his death. Before, as well as during, his connection with the Presbytery of Harmony our brother labored abundantly in Mission Work in his native city, in which work he was instrumental in accomplishing much good, both by his preaching and by ministering help to the needy and comfort to the sick and dying in the hospitals and elsewhere. Previously too, to this last connection and while yet a member of the Charleston Union Presbytery, several years of Mr. La Far's life were given to ministerial work in the Presbyterian Churches in Orangeburg and Anderson, S. C.

While in connection with Harmony Presbytery, our brother served as stated supply the churches of Tirzah, Lynchburg, Beulah, Brewington, Richmond and Corinth, the last two being under his care at the time of his decease.

The subject of this sketch was a good specimen of what is characterized as "a gentleman of the old school." He possessed an innate gentility, which was easily and faithfully cultured into a courtesy and graceful refinement of manner that made intercourse with him as unconstrained as it was agreeable. His affections were impulsive, warm, tender, self-forgetful and self-denying, which made him both a power and a blessing in all the intimate relations of life.

As a Christian, Mr. La Far's piety was sincere and vital, his faith, simple and steadfast, his consecration, genuine and decided, and his zeal, quick and earnest. As a preacher he

was simple, plain, fearless, uncompromising, tender, sympathetic and eloquent. In delivering his message, his manner was full of reverence, of humility, of unction, and of conscious authority as ambassador of Christ, for his prayers and sermons were, in large measure, but transcription, not only of the sentiments, but also of the language itself of the Scriptures, about whose inspirations, fullness, sufficiency, truth and power he entertained no shadow of hesitancy or doubt.

In view of all which we may confidently say that having faithfully served his day and generation in God's appointed way, our brother has now but fallen on sleep. To which assurance we, his fellow servants of the same Lord and Master.

may add this commendation and congratulation-

"Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ; The battle fought, the victory won, Enter thy Master's joy,"

N. W. EDMUNDS, Chairman.

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